

REMARKS

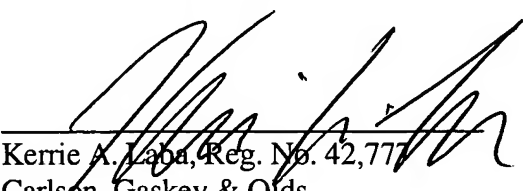
Claims 1, 5-19, 21-22, and 24-26 remain pending in the application including independent claims 1, 5, 12, 13, 19, and 21. Claims 2-4, 20, and 23 have been cancelled.

Claims 13-18 have been allowed. Claims 5-8, 12, and 20-26 are indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 25 and 26 depend from claim 13, which has already been allowed. Claims 5, 12, and 21 have been rewritten in independent form to include the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 20 has been incorporated into claim 19, and claim 23 has been incorporated into claim 1. Thus, applicant asserts that claims 1, 5-12, 19, 21-22, and 24-26 are now in condition for allowance.

Claims 1, 9-11, and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Breinich et al. This rejection is moot in light of the amendments set forth above.

Applicant asserts that all claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests an indication of such. A check is enclosed for the additional claim fees. Applicant believes that no additional fees are necessary, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

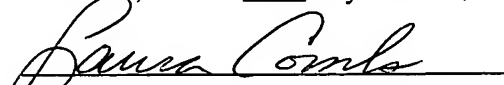


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